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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Thomas Paul NOLTING

Serial No.:

(Continuation of Serial No. 09/048,102)

Group Art Unit:

Filed: February 15, 2001

Examiner:

For: NETWORK PLANNING TRAFFIC MEASUREMENT PROGRAM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) In a switched telecommunications network having end office switching systems controlled by a common channel signaling system connected to the end office switching systems and to paired signal transfer points, the method comprising:

monitoring the signaling between the end office switching systems and the signal transfer points and selecting the signaling relating to transactions and creating a plurality of flat files;

collating the [selected signaling] flat files by transaction;

processing the collated [signaling] flat files to create relational [flat] files relating to multiple transactions;